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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of)
Paul S. Germscheid, et al)
Serial No. 09/448,164)
Filing Date: 11/24/99)
For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR)
A WEB APPLICATION SERVER)
TO CREATE AN EMPTY DATA)
SET IN A REPOSITORY WITH)
A SPECIFIED DATA SET ID)

Examiner L. Wassum
Group Art Unit 2177
Docket No. 33012/277/101

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
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Washington, D.C. 20231

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IN THE CLAIMS

Please preliminarily amend claims 1-20 to read as follows(support for these amendments are found in Appendix A):